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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

THOMAS OSTROWSKI ET AL : EXAMINER: KEYS, R.A.

SERIAL NO: 10/578,874 :

FILED: MAY 11, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1621

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING POLYETHER ALCOHOLS

RESPONSE TO MARCH 29, 2011, OFFICE COMMUNICATION RE 35 U.S.C. § 119

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant received an Office communication from the Examiner mailed March 3, 2011, stating:

The Oath claims foreign priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d). However, a 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) foreign priority claim cannot be based on a U.S. application. See MPEP 1893.03(c), "Priority Claim Under 35 U.S.C. 120. The BIB has been updated to reflect that the conditions under 35 USC 119(a-d) have not been met.

The Examiner is correct. The record of this Application properly should reflect that conditions for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a-d) have not been met.

All information in the Application Data Sheet, filed May 16, 2006, relating to PCT/EP04/12598, and the claims for priority therein, are correct.

However, page 2 of the original Oath incorrectly claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) based on U.S. Application 10/712,707, filed November 13, 2003. The original Oath should have claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based on U.S. Application 10/712,707, filed November 13, 2003.

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Accordingly, Applicant is filing herewith a substitute Oath properly claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) based on U.S. Application 10/712,707, filed November 13, 2003.

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